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CUTS OFF HEAD OF HER DAUGHTER

Pulaski Mother Said to be Religious Fanatic—Attempts to Commit Suicide.

Pulaski, Tenn., July 24.—Mrs. L. C. Massey, wife of a farmer living two miles south of Minor Hill, killed her 11-years-old daughter, Viola, Wednesday by cutting her head off of her body with a razor, after which she attempted to take her life the same way.

Her son Nick was near the barn into which she had enticed the little girl, and hearing the groans of the mother, went in.

Mrs. Massey was a religious fanatic, and it is the belief of neighbors that she had become mentally unbalanced.

She had recently been attending a meeting held at Minor Hill by two representatives of the Nazareth Church from Huntsville, Ala. She is in a serious condition, but it is thought that she will recover. The little girl was buried Tuesday.

LET EVERYBODY ATTEND THE TENN. STATE FAIR

The One Big Event, the Tennessee State Fair, comes at the right season of the year for the farmers and their families to attend. The dates are September 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 1920. Railroads have granted reduced rates on account of the big fair.

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It is your fair and should take enough interest in it to come and bring your entire family. Write for a big free premium list, telling you all about this great show. Remember it is the One Big Event.

W. E. Moyers of Jasper, candidate for nomination for representative was here yesterday.

WHITWELL SCHOOL BOARD MAKES SECOND REPLY TO "MOTHER PATRON"

Editor News:

In the first place, the Whitwell school board, speaking through chairman and secretary, wish to apologize to the editor of the News and the general public, both, in making their reply to "Mother Patron's" feeble tirade.

We do not deem it necessary to make this reply, touching the position taken and the official action performed by the Whitwell school board for the purpose of giving the general public an insight to some of the egregious hallucinations of "Mother Patron's" article. She evidently spent two or three nights of mental aberrations floundering over her attitude touching the reply of the school board. If she had just set out to define her real sentiments in few words she could have better analyzed her sentiments by saying, that if the general public would just rise up and banish the Whitwell school board, her unanimous consent would be freely given. Now, "Mother Patron" is the only one that has notified the board of their dissatisfaction. There were three teachers whom the board failed to employ for the reason only that we had no more places to fill. "Mother Patron" has complained of two of these failing to be re-employed, but she may be even more grieved about the third one.

Our teachers are elected by a majority vote of the board and those who fail to receive this are not elected.

"Mother Patron" said at first it was her "little wilful boy" and now she says "our children, our children." I would deny this if I were her. I would go way back and sit down.

She even wants to investigate the books. There is nothing that would give the board more delight than to show her the books. They are always open for inspection.

"Mother Patron" needs someone to help her out of her dilemma. She contradicts herself so much.

Yes, the secretary of the board called South Pittsburg four days after Prof. Hogan told him that he could not take the Whitwell school on account of its short term. He said he was promised 8 months at Hick's Chapel, but said he would rather teach school at Whitwell than any place he ever taught.

Now, in regard to the next election and the women voting. If "Mother Patron" could be induced to keep up her mental wandering over this school question until next school election, the board feels like it could qualify her for entry in the contest for board member next election but she would have to have faith enough in her cause to sign her full name to her documents. When she is elected as school board member for the Whitwell School District, even then it would not be within her power to dictate the election of her own brother or sister or someone else as teacher for the Whitwell school.

J. S. Hooper, Chm.
R. T. Tate, Sec.
Whitwell School Board.

The Final Sport Extra

It tells us of the prices that are going up and down,
And all about the farmers who are moving into town;
It tells about the Shamrock IV and Sir Tom Lipton, too,
And what a bonny boat he has, and what a handy crew;
It gives us fashions by the page and tells what's the mode,
And also how to cook and can and how to build a road;
We learn about the crops of corn and rye and wheat and oats
And how to cure the cholera in a bunch of Duroc shoats;
The page of comics must be there for all the tiny tots,
And myriad sales of leases, farms and houses, stores and lots
The bedtime story gets a place, the lovelorn good advice,
Statistics tell the story of the Arctic crop of ice;
There's plenty, too, of suicides, divorces, murders, strikes,
Explosive news from Mexico, and Pancho Villa's hikes;
The movie actors occupy a space that's far from fair,
The Queen of Timbuctoo affects a new style for her hair;
It tells us of the bosses, chiefs, and politics galore,
But never gives a full and final

Base
Ball
Score.

UNCLE TOM'S LETTER

Editor News:

There are so many notorious falsehoods going the rounds, especially about the time court is to convene, a fellow is puzzled to extract the truth. Why, your Uncle Tom according to some wiseacres, almost dominates the court, when the truth is I have so little confidence in the courts that I don't have any suggestions to make. Everybody knows I am for the enforcement of the law, but younger men must do it if it is done. No use writing letters to me about law violations. Do your duty, don't try to make a cat's paw of the old man. Do like I told Sheriff Sanders at a big mass meeting held at the Presbyterian church in Tracy City one time, condemning the liquor traffic. Alf Roddy was accused of violating the four-mile law, and the sheriff publicly asked me where he kept his liquor. I told him to hunt for it like I did. I had orders from the higher authorities not to tell who sold the liquor and who didn't, so I didn't and a lot got angry at me for not yielding to their wishes. I am willing to aid the enforcement of law, provided I can do so without making a cat's paw of myself.

I was an officer and did my duty and treated people that I had dealings with nice and genteel. I am too old now to take any active part in the matter, but if I was younger I would enter the revenue service and help Uncle Sam to enforce the laws. I think the country would be better off if the people would en masse say to the wild catters, "You must quit and quit now." True there are just any number of men who would like to enter the service as prohibition agents and some have asked me to get on the force.

I can't for I only know the field forces and they can't appoint, the men higher up do that, to-wit Judge Sanford and Atty. Lee Douglas must be consulted in the matter.

I really do not believe there is near so much wild-cattin' as is reported. A fellow told me the wild-cat business was a thing of the past. No man or set of men can win out in a contest with Uncle Sam. Both the old parties have declared for law enforcement and it is useless to say it can't or won't be done. I do not belong to any law and order league, but I favor law enforcement. There is no local law and order league here at Tracy City. Our

people have reasons for not organizing a league, but the majority are law abiding and make no war on the league. Only those who want to ply their old trade fight the law and league and sneer at it, as they do everything else that is good. I don't fight good things. I am for the best going, that is my ticket.

I am not too old to take an interest in my country's welfare, and if liquor was ever a blessing, but few, if any have found it out. It is just splendid to get a man in trouble and cause him to dread the courtroom. I'd be ashamed to be an officer of the county and the people would have to call on the federal officers to put down the wildcat business. The duties of a deputy marshal are the same as the sheriffs of a county and a magistrate can try a liquor case and issue warrants for them. What is the matter when a country is full of officers and violations are tolerated by them? Have they lost their self respect and are willing to surrender to Federal and State agents and give up their rights and privileges. The State has not been deprived of a single right. I am told it is her officers that has surrendered her rights and become delinquent. We want officers that will uphold the honor and integrity of their county and enforce the laws. If they don't do it they ought to be impeached and put away the shame and disgrace that hangs over the people from the acts and conduct of a few, and tolerated by a lot of delinquent and indifferent officers. People are all right but helpless to protect themselves without government aid. I repeat, it is a shame for a sheriff to tolerate and allow the state and federal laws set at naught to please a few when the majority want the laws enforced.

The sheriff has the power to summon a force sufficient to put down any and all violations, and it is a shame not to do it. Why, I'd resign before I would allow open and notorious violations and have people saying ugly things about me. My honor and self respect as an officer I would maintain at any cost. Who is guilty of negligence?

Uncle Tom.
Tracy City, Tenn.

For Member School Board

There are three candidates for member school board in this district, Dr. W. R. Irish and A. W. Ferguson of Jasper, and F. L. Minor of this place for reelection.

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Special to the News.

Everything is moving along as usual. We are having some very hot weather now. Work is good all over the mountain this summer. There is plenty to eat. The peach crop is very good this year. There are plenty of berries.

James Smith, who was seriously hurt in the mines at this place four weeks ago, is getting along fine, and will be able to get up in a few weeks.

Thomas Clark was killed the 22nd of June by a fall of slate. He leaves a wife and seven children. He was a member of Masonic order, also a member of the I. O. O. F. His widow and children will go to the Masonic Home in the near future.

Buster Rice was seriously hurt Sunday about 6 o'clock when his horse ran away with him, throwing him against a stump. He was unconscious till 2 a. m. Monday.

Mrs. M. L. Girdley and sons, Mitchell, Eddie, Frank, H. B. and John, were in Eastland and Clifty visiting relatives last week.

Mrs. Martha J. Girdley left Monday for Victoria to visit her daughter, Mrs. Mary Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Akron, O., were in Clifty and Eastland a few days last week visiting Mr. Smith's sisters, Mrs. J. W. Girdley and Mrs. Haston Hambrick.

W. B. King was in Bon Air Sunday in the interest of the Sunday school at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smiddie at Palmer, spent the 4th in Eastland.

Henry Kidwell of Chattanooga was in Eastland the 4th, the guest of his brothers, Fate and Charlie Kidwell.

Jim Ledford and his wife spent Sunday with his uncle, R. B. Cope.

I failed to get the news from the valley last week, but hope to get letters from all the correspondents this week. J. G.

Revival at Jasper.

Rev. Tom Sexton, the blacksmith preacher, who is a noted evangelist, will be begin a revival at the Baptist Church at Jasper Sunday morning. He is from Knoxville.

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TRUCK DRIVER PLAYS VERY FOOLISH TRICK

A driver of a truck, said to be the property of C. Baumgartner, of So. Pittsburg, by foolhardiness was the cause whereby Walter Dugan was badly hurt Saturday afternoon at Jasper. Dugan had got on the truck near here to ride to town, getting on top the coal with which the truck was loaded. Instead of slowing down or stopping to let him off the driver speeded the machine up until it was running very rapidly around the corner near the Pryor Garage. Dugan who is a country lad, and unsophisticated in the wiles of city sports, thought he was trying to take him on to So. Pittsburg, and tried to get him to stop. The machine speeded up faster, and Dugan rolled off. Spectators say he bounced up a foot and a half from the hard road when he struck it. No bones were broken, but he was removed to the home of Dr. Songer where his injuries were dressed and tied up, as he was badly bruised and scratched. The driver of the truck kept on after Dugan fell off, not stopping to see if he had injured him. The affair was witnessed by a large number of people, who expressed great indignation over the matter, and a suit will probably follow for damages.

It was a very foolish trick to play on the boy, and motor car drivers who allow people to ride their machines are certainly responsible in a measure, at least, for their safety. Dugan is the son of W. T. Dugan, of this place.

DIED WHILE FISHING

While fishing in a boat on the Tennessee river, near Stanley's Station. Friday evening, Alex Richie, aged 69, was suddenly stricken and died almost instantly supposedly of heart trouble. The body was prepared for burial by Chapman's, and funeral services were held from the residence at Stanley's Station Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Richie graveyard was the place of burial. Surviving the deceased are two brothers, R. F. of this city, and John, of Oklahoma.—Chattanooga News.

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